

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18 with the following amended one:

Examples of the non-fluorine-containing monomer having carboxyl are organic acids having an unsaturated group represented by the formula (12) or (13) mentioned infra, for instance, monomers having carboxyl such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, vinylacetic acid, crotonic acid, cinnamic acid, ~~3-allyloxypropionic acid~~, itaconic acid, itaconic acid monoester, itaconic acid anhydride, succinic acid anhydride, maleic acid, maleic acid monoester, maleic anhydride, fumaric acid, fumaric acid monoester, vinyl phthalate, vinyl pyromellitate and 3-allyloxypropionic acid.

On page 18, please replace the first full paragraph starting at line 8, with the following amended one:

Non-limiting examples of other non-fluorine-containing monomer having functional group are epoxy-containing monomers such as (meth)acrylic acid glycidyl, epoxy vinyl and epoxy vinyl ether; amino-containing monomers such as diacetone acrylamide, (meth)acrylamide and N-methylol (meth)acrylamide; nitrile-containing monomers such as (meth)acrylonitrile; and carbonyl-containing monomers such as ~~aerolein~~, acrolein and vinyl ethyl ketone and diacetone acrylamide.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 83 with the following amended one:

A 1,000 ml stainless steel autoclave was charged with 300 g of butyl acetate, 20 g of hydroxybutyl vinyl ether (HBVE), 96 g of cyclohexyl vinyl ether (~~CVE~~CHVE) and 5.0 g of 2,2'-azobis(2,4-dimethylvaleronitrile), and after cooling to 0°C with ice, deairing was carried out

under reduced pressure. Thereto were added 34 g of isobutylene (IB) and 50 g of tetrafluoroethylene (TFE), followed by heating to 50°C with stirring and then reacting for 28 hours. When the pressure inside a reactor was lowered from 1.4 MPaG to 1 MPaG, the reaction was terminated (yield: 24.6 %). Then concentration was carried out at 60°C under reduced pressure to adjust a solid content to 50 %.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 83 with the following amended one:

As a result of ^{19}F -NMR, ^1H -NMR and elemental analyses, the obtained fluorine-containing copolymer was a copolymer comprising TFE/IB/~~CVE~~CHVE/HBVE in a % by mole ratio of 20/30/40/10. A hydroxyl value was 59 mgKOH/g and an acid value thereof was zero. The fluorine content was 15 % by mass. A number average molecular weight measured by GPC was 7,000.